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Applicant has sent a voluntary amendment on November 15, 2005, requesting changes to the text of the specification, wherein foreign priority information would be inserted at the head of the text. While the Examiner acknowledges the receipt of this request, the request is denied because Applicant has not perfected foreign priority, as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b). No ribbon copy of the Canadian document, 2,238,656, filed May 22, 1988, has been received.

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